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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted, mailed December 19, 2001, which a) noted the absence of a declaration and b) required substitute drawings, Applicants respectfully submit a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney to complete, pursuant to Rule 51, this application filed on October 31, 2001. Pursuant to Rule 85, Substitute Informal Drawings are also enclosed. As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is attached.

Please charge Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/TMD/DEP0639 in the amounts of \$130.00 for submission of the Declaration pursuant to Section 1.16(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/TMD/DEP0639. This sheet is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Attention: Official Draftsman

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit one set of photocopies of eight (8) sheets of formal drawings in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Please charge any fees which may be required for this submission to Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/TMD/DEP0639. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(e).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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